

HENDERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ALL **MEDIA** CALLS REGARDING CORONAVIRUS SHOULD BE ROUTED TO 828-694-6064

ALL **CLINICAL** CALLS RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS SHOULD BE ROUTED 828-694-6019

Report Type: Weekly Situation Report	Report Status: Initial										
Report Creation Date/Time: Date: 03/05/2020	Time: 1600										
Incident Information											
Jurisdiction: Henderson County											
Incident Name: COVID 19	Report Preparer Name: Anita Glance										
General Situation											
<p>Background:</p> <p>There is an expanding outbreak of COVID-19 caused by a novel (new) coronavirus. The outbreak began in China but is spreading worldwide. Initially, many of the patients reportedly had some link to a large seafood and animal market, suggesting animal-to-person spread. Since then, sustained (ongoing) person-to-person spread in the community is occurring in some international locations. The newly emerged COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that seems to be spreading much like flu. It can spread from person-to-person. The new virus can cause illness varying from mild to severe.</p> <p>As of the release of this report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) confirmed cases in Henderson County • (1) Presumptive Positive Case in North Carolina (Wake County) • On 1/30, the World Health Organization. issued a Public Health Emergency of International Concern declaration. • COVID-19 in US: 148 cases in the US in 13 states (includes repatriated persons from Wuhan and Diamond Princess Cruise Ship) 10 deaths • CDC Travel Warnings https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CDC Travel Warning</th> <th>Countries</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Entry to US of foreign nationals suspended</td> <td>China Iran</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3 – Avoid Nonessential Travel</td> <td>China South Korea Iran Italy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2 - Older adults and those with chronic medical conditions should consider postponing non-essential travel</td> <td>Japan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1 - travelers should practice usual precautions</td> <td>Hong Kong</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries with sustained community transmission (5): China, Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea (last update 2.26.20) • HHS Secretary declared a domestic public health emergency on 1/31 • The U.S. government has taken unprecedented steps with respect to travel in response to the growing public health threat posed by this new coronavirus: 		CDC Travel Warning	Countries	Entry to US of foreign nationals suspended	China Iran	Level 3 – Avoid Nonessential Travel	China South Korea Iran Italy	Level 2 - Older adults and those with chronic medical conditions should consider postponing non-essential travel	Japan	Level 1 - travelers should practice usual precautions	Hong Kong
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- Effective February 2, 2020 at 5pm, the U.S. government suspended entry of foreign nationals who have been in China within the past 14 days.
- U.S. citizens, residents and their immediate family members who have been in Hubei province and other parts of mainland China are allowed to enter the United States, but they are subject to health monitoring and possible quarantine for up to 14 days.
- See more at: "[Proclamation on Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)".
- Currently all testing is being completed at CDC.
- Approval from the NC Public Health Commission was received to make COVID-19 a reportable disease.
- NCSLPH is now conducting testing and will report presumptive positives. Confirmatory testing will still be conducted at CDC for a period of time.

Current Objectives

1. Protect the health and safety of Henderson County residents by focusing on surveillance, management of PUMs & PUIs, triage, movement, tracking, and laboratory testing. (DPH-EM)
2. Manage information and provide timely messaging to the public and media by utilizing the Henderson County Local Health Information Team.(DPH-EM)
3. Utilizing the Henderson County Epi Team coordinate with internal and external stakeholders for resources and considerations for continued day to day operations.(DPH)
4. Establish response/screening guidelines for EMS ,Rescue, Law Enforcement and Fire Service including PPE recommendations.(EMS)
5. Review isolation and quarantine processes and establish guidelines for implementation and enforcement.(DPH-EM)
6. Establish an in-home evaluation process and care plan for patients.(DPH)
7. Provide guidance documents for healthcare providers and other stakeholders.(DPH)
8. Continue to evaluate and coordinate supply chain shortages and needs.(EM)
9. Establish guidelines for Joint Information Center (JIC) operations.(DPH-EM-CM)

Henderson County Detailed Updates

- 0 confirmed cases
- Last guidance to Henderson County providers sent 3/2/2020
- HCDPH website published 2/5/2020 to include COVID - 19
- Ongoing coordination with and guidance provided to community partners such as EMS and emergency management.
- Situation Report implemented 2/6/2020 (Dissemination to EPI, LHIT, HCDPH Staff)
- As of 2/27/2020 all media calls related to COVID-19 should be directed to extension 6064.
- Beginning 3/2/2020 employees will record COVID-19 activities and time spent in those activities on form ICS-214.
- HCDPH is participating in weekly calls @ 1:00 pm on Tuesdays with NC DHHS and partners
- Beginning Wednesday (3/4/2020), HCDPH will disseminate weekly Situation Reports both internally and with our community partners.
- 3/2/2020 Website Updated to reflect COVID-19, Updated provider guidance, what you can do and fact sheet.
- Weekly SitReps posted to website beginning 3/5/2020
- Epi, LHIT, Community Agency Meeting 3/5/2020
- Emergency Management developing process for resource requests for healthcare providers.

Important Contact Information & Resources	
CDC	
Website	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines for Patients with Known or Patients Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in a Healthcare Setting:	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control.html
NCDHHS	
General Information Website	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/2019nCoV.html
Guidance for Providers & Others	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/providers.html
NC Coronavirus Public Hotline	1-866-462-3821
HCDPH	
Coronavirus Website	https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/health/page/public-health-advisory-coronavirus-2019-ncov
Communicable Disease Line	828-694-6019